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SUBJECT: SADAT Q AND A WITH SECDEF INVITATIONAL

1. CONTINUING UNUSUALLY HEAVY COVERAGE OF CODEL VISIT, CAIRO
PRESS LEADS AUGUST 11 WITH REPORTS ON PRES DADAT'S Q AND A
SESSION WITH CONGRESSMEN ACCOMPANYING ASSTSECDEF MAURY. FOLLOWING
ARE HIGHLIGHTS.

A. EGYPT WANTS PEACE. ALL PAPERS BANNER HEADLINES ON
SADAT'S REMARK THAT EGYPT WANTS PEACE AND ISRAEL FEARS PEACE.
PEACE IS NECESSARY FOR EGYPTIAN RECONSTRUCTION PLANS. TO RESCUENRASK
OMY,#EGYPT REQUIRES LS 200 MILLION.

B. USG ROLE. PRESIDENT FORD IS "FRANK AND REALLY FAIR" AND
SECRETARY KISSINGER INITIATED NEW ERA IN GOE-USG RELATIONS.

C. ARMS. FOLLOWING EXPULSION OF SOVIET EXPERTS IN 1972,
PROBLEMS AROSE. BY 1974 SOVIETS HAD CEASED DEVLIERY FOR 14
MONTHS WHILE ISRAELIS AND SYRIANS WERE RECEIVING WEAPONS.

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THEREFORE, IN 1974 EGYPT DECIDED TO DIVERSIFY AND BOUGHT ARMS

FROM WESTERN EUROPE. "I ASK NOW WOULD YOU AGREE IF I ASK YOU (USG) TO PROVIDE ME WITH ARMS?" IT IS YOUR DECISION, NOT MINE.

D. QUID PRO QUO. IF I AGREE TO END BELLIGERENCY WHILE ISRAELIS ARE OCCUPYING ARAB LAND, THIS WILL BE OFFICIAL INVITATION TO THEM TO STAY. IT WAS EGYPT WHICH ANNOUNCED ON FEB 4, 1971 READINESS TO SIGN PEACE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL, AND GOE HAS BEGUN IMPLEMENT PEACE MEASURES WITH REOPENING OF CANAL.

E. ISRAELI TACTICS. ASWAN NEGOTIATIONS FAILED, BUT NOT BECAUSE OF ISSUE OF BELLIGERENCY, WHICH GOI DROPPED ONE WEEK BEFORE SHUTTLE ENDED. GOE HAD DISAGREED ON MAP NOT BELLIGERENCY. ISRAELIS SEEK GAIN TIME BECAUSE US ELECTIONS ARE DRAWING CLOSER. ISRAELIS ALSO SEEK DRIVE WEDGE INTO ARAB UNITY.

2. COMMENT: SADAT EMPHASIZED BELLIGERENCY ISSUE, MAKING STRAIGHTFORWARD STATEMENT THAT "WE MUST END STATE OF BELLIGERENCY...SO WE CAN LIVE IN PEACE AND PLAN FOR FUTURE. EILTS

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